1993-94 and 1994-95 (latest available) have been as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1993-94	1994-95
Public Sector Banks	41041.33	38385.18
Financial Institutions*	9109.00	9247.00

*NPAs indicated are before provisions and write-offs and exclude the loans guaranteed by the Government/ECGC.

(b) The Debt Recovery Tribunals have not yet completed three years of their functioning since these were established in the year 1994-95. The Reserve Bank of India have reported that a sum of Rs. 129.79 crores had been recovered by Public Sector Banks through Debt recovery Tribunals upto 31.12.1995.

(c) the amounts settled and written off through compromise by Public Sector Banks for the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 have been given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 14*].

Landing of foreign air services on domestic routes

*94. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration regarding operation of foreign air services on domestic routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cases of FERA Violation

*95. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many notices were issued by the Enforcement Directorate to the violators of foreign exchange regulations during the last twelve months with details of the individuals and body corporates thereof;

(b) in how many cases prosecution proceedings were launched and in how many cases penalties were imposed with details of each such case;

(c) how many cases of foreign exchange violations are pending in various courts of the country as on date with details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the last twelve months ending June, '96, 2379 Show Cause Notices were issued, including 91 to body corporates, for violation of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. (FERA).

During this period, prosecution proceedings were launched in 127 cases. Convictions were pronounced in 18 cases.

As on 1.7.96, 2043 prosecution cases were pending in various courts.

The efforts required to collect the details of these cases will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) Regular liaison is maintained with the Government Counsels for early hearings in these cases so that they may be disposed of expeditiously.

Long Pending Media Issues

*96. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision in regard to long pending media issues e.g. uplinking, Prasar Bharati, foreign media and cable policy;

(b) if so, whether any policy decision has since been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when all the pending media issues will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The position is as follows:—

(i) At present, no private party is permitted uplinking facility from Indian soil. No decision has been taken yet on the review of this policy.

(ii) Certain changes in the proposed organisational structure of the Corporation, as envisaged in the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, may be required in the light of the rapidly changing broadcasting scenario because of increased international satellite broadcasting in this part of the world. A three member Expert Group has been constituted on 28.12.95 to review the provisions of the Prasar Bharati Act and to make recommendations. Further action would depend on the outcome of the recommendations of the Group.

(iii) There is no proposal at present to permit entry of foreign media in the country.

(iv) The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, has already been enacted on 25th March, 1995.

Extension to Officials of State Bank of Indore

*97. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of officials (with ranks) of the State Bank of Indore, head office given extensions during the year 1995;

(b) whether any complaints have been received by the Banks/Government from public/VIPs against these officials during 1995 and earlier;

(c) if so, what is the nature of the complaints made against them and what action has been taken by Government to establish facts; and

(d) the considerations which weighed with Government to give extensions in service to these officials?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that it had given extension in service to 18 officials who were working at the Head Office of the bank during 1995 in terms of the provisions contained in the Officers' Service Regulations of the bank. Details of these extensions are given in Statement-I. *(see below)*. Out of the 18 officials, short extensions were given in five cases where disciplinary proceedings were pending against the officers.

(b) and (c) The bank has further reported that, in all, seven complaints were received against three of the 18 officials who were given extension in service. The details are at statement (*see* below). The bank has stated that on investigation, if found that complaints against two officers were baseless. However, in the third case, necessary disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the officer and as such he was given a short extension only.

(d) Extension in service is given by the bank keeping in view the officer's past performance and subject to his continued good health, satisfactory work and rendering useful service to the bank.